

LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

MAY 28, 1968

1. Approval of advance payment of \$50,000 to Ducks Unlimited for period covering 1967-68. (2)
2. Approval of resolution requesting legislative act authorizing exchange between La. Wild Life & Fisheries Com., Division of Administration and Union Producing Co. for certain lands in Ouachita-Richland Parishes area. L. M. A. + General (Sage & M.) (3)
3. Approval of sale of Cessna 182 N-3508Y to M.R. McCoy and sale of Cessna 210 N-3715Y to Con Care Aircraft, Inc. Plane & Aircraft (5)
4. Approval of the minutes of the meetings of March 25 and 26, 1968. (6)
5. Approval of correction of the minutes of the Special Meeting of February 1, 1968 concerning option of the purchase of land adjoining the Red River W.M.A. from the Maxwell Heirs. L. M. A. (6)
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9. Approval to enter into lease agreement with the Webster Parish Police Jury for a boat launching site on Bayou Dorcheat. (11)
10. Approval of right-of-way agreement with CLECO on the Saline Wildlife Management Area. L. M. A. (12)
11. Approval of awarding of contract for construction of addition to District VI headquarters building, Opelousas, La., with low bidder being M.D. Descant of Bunkie, La. (\$89,600) (13)
12. Approval of awarding of contract for addition to the Baton Rouge District VII Office to Fontaine Abbot Construction Co. of Baton Rouge, La. (\$165,998.) (14)

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The regular monthly meetings of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission were held in New Orleans, Louisiana, Monday and Tuesday, May 27 and 28, 1968.

Monday's meeting consisted of conferences with the Division Chiefs and the preparation of the agenda for the Tuesday meeting. Monday's meeting was an informal session, open to the public and held in the Director's office.

The public meeting was held on Tuesday, May 28, 1968, at 10:00 A. M., in Room 226, Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission Building, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Members present at both meetings were:

Jerry G. Jones, Chairman

H. Clay Wright, Vice-Chairman

H. B. Fairchild

Clarence A. Guidry

John Edwin Kyle, Jr.

Hobson Norris

Jimmie Thompson

ABSENT: None

Meeting of May 28, 1968

- ✓ 13. Approval of acceptance of completion of District VII, Baton Rouge Office building by M. B. M. Construction Co. (16)
- ✓ 14. Approval of right-of-way agreement with Dixie Electric on the Waddill Wildlife Management Area. D. m. a. (17)
- ✓ 15. Approval for awarding of contracts on the following Boat Launching Ramps to be constructed:
 - Long Lake, Caldwell - Morrison Engineering and Constructing Co. - \$10,421
 - Berwick Boat Ramp, St. Mary Parish - Kingston Construction Co. - \$18,416
 - Sabine Boat Ramp, Cameron Parish - Kingston Construction Co. - \$20,704 (18)
- ✓ 16. Approval to renew lease for 4,000 acres of International Paper Company's land - Sabine Wildlife Management Area. D. m. a. (20)
- ✓ 17. Approval of acceptance of bids on fencing of Spring Bayou Wildlife Management Area, low bidder, Hurricane Fence Company - \$56,990 D. m. a. (21)
- ✓ 18. Approval to transfer funds from La. Wild Life & Fisheries Com. to the State Highway Dept. for construction of 5.53 miles of road on Spring Bayou W.M.A. - \$72,900.85 D. m. a. (22)
- ✓ 19. Chairman Jones announced the American Association of Conservation Information convention to be held on June 2-5, 1968; and the National Watershed Congress meeting. (24)
- ✓ 20. (VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF DISCUSSION) Proposal to keep personnel, who have reached age 65, on payroll for period of six (6) months until December 31, 1968. Retired personnel (25)

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 10:00 A. M. and introduced some of the guests in the audience who were in New Orleans attending the National Watershed Conference. The guests were Mr. Dale Whitesell, Mr. Ruffing, and Mr. Winn Hawkins of Ducks Unlimited and Dr. Fred Evenden of the Wildlife Society. Chairman Jones then asked Mr. Whitesell to tell the Commission of the Ducks Unlimited progress.

Mr. Whitesell explained that Ducks Unlimited has been in existence for 31 years and they have spent about 13 million dollars on the development of Canadian waterfowl breeding grounds. The reason for the expenditure of these moneys in certain areas of Canada is that about 80 percent of the waterfowl that fly over the continent are produced there and the other 20 percent are produced in neighboring areas. Mr. Whitesell explained the organizational functions of Ducks Unlimited, as well as giving statistical data on the progress of this program.

Chairman Jones then recognized Mr. Yancey.

Mr. Yancey explained that in the past several years, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has had an opportunity to inspect the waterfowl program, the preservation of the habitat and other matters on the production of the ducks in the Canada area in regard to the Ducks Unlimited. During this time, the Commission has annually contributed certain percentages of the license fees collected to Ducks Unlimited for the advancement of this waterfowl management program in Canada, which is authorized by R.S.56:104, E.

Mr. Yancey recommended that the Commission grant approval on the advance payment of \$50,000.00 on the license fees for the period of 1967-68.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Ducks Unlimited annually spends approximately one million dollars on marsh development projects in Canada for ducks and geese that winter in the Mississippi Flyway.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby approve the advance payment of \$50,000.00 to Ducks Unlimited, Inc., on the 1967-68 hunting licenses sales. R. S. 56:104, E (1) authorizes the expenditure of twenty-five cents (25¢) from each hunting license sold in Louisiana to be used for the development and preservation of breeding grounds for migratory waterfowl through Ducks Unlimited in Canada.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Yancey continued by explaining that the Commission owns 15,000 acres of land in Ouachita and Richland Parishes, known as the Russell Sage Game Management Area. In order to have more clearly defined boundaries on this area, the Commission has met and discussed with Union Producing Company the possibility of exchanging a certain portion of property, on an acre for acre basis.

In order for this matter to be transacted, it is necessary that an act of the legislature be made authorizing the exchange. Mr. Yancey then recommended that the Commission grant approval on this land exchange.

On motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission is desirous of exchanging approximately 265 acres of land that it owns on the East side of Lafourche Canal for approximately 265 acres of land that Union Producing Company owns on the West side of Lafourche Canal that joins the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area, and

WHEREAS, the reason for making this exchange to the mutual advantage of both parties concerned is that the natural channel of Bayou Lafourche has been straightened and enlarged with the result that the water now flows in and through what is now a canal making the properties in question cut off from and inaccessible to the main bodies of land owned by each party.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize and empower the Director, Dr. Leslie L. Glasgow, to act for and in behalf of said Commission, to obtain the necessary legislative act from the Louisiana State Legislature for the exchange of certain properties, on an equal value basis, acre for acre, as presently owned separately by Union Producing Company, a Delaware corporation and the Louisiana Wild

Life and Fisheries Commission. The property to be exchanged is that portion owned by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, situated in the Parishes of Ouachita and Richland, lying East and South of the center line of the new channel of Bayou Lafourche (sometimes called Lafourche Canal) and a part of what is known as the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area. The property to be exchanged is that portion of land owned by the Union Producing Company, situated in the Parish of Richland, lying both West and North of the center line of the new channel of Bayou Lafourche (sometimes called Lafourche Canal) as constructed in recent years, and East and South of the center line of the old or natural channel of Bayou Lafourche.

Mr. Yancey then explained that on May 15th, 1968, the Louisiana Division of Administration advertised for the sale of two (2) Commission planes; a Cessna 182 and a Cessna 210, as previously requested by the Commission. A total of 16 bids were received for the sale of the Cessna 182 and a total of 15 bids were received for the sale of the Cessna 210. The high bid received for the Cessna 182 was \$8,562 and the high bid received for the Cessna 210 was in the amount of \$9,510.10. Mr. Yancey recommended the Commission's approval on the sale of these two airplanes to the highest bidders.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission did request the Louisiana Division of Administration to advertise for the sale of two (2) Commission owned single engine Cessna aircraft, for which the tabulation of bids was received on May 15, 1968.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant approval for the sale of Cessna 182 N-3508Y to the high bidder, Mr. M. R. McCoy, Jr., 112 Carroll, Shreveport, Louisiana, in the amount of \$8,562.00 and the Cessna 210 N-3715Y to the high bidder, Concare Aircraft, Inc., 3998 S. W. 12th Terrace, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in the amount of \$9,510.10.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Chairman Jones said that the next matter for consideration by the Commission was the approval of the minutes of the meetings of March 25 and 26, 1968.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Guidry, and unanimously adopted, the reading of the minutes of the meetings of March 25 and 26, 1968 were dispensed with and approved as previously submitted to the Commission.

Chairman Jones then explained that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission held a Special Meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on February 1, 1968 concerning the option of the purchase of land adjoining the Red River Wildlife Management Area, Concordia Parish,

Louisiana. Chairman Jones said that since there is an error in the minutes of the meeting, it is requested that a correction be made. The minutes as submitted to the Commission stated that the purchase of this land would be a credit purchase; however, it has been decided that the land is to be purchased on a Cash Sale basis.

On motion of Mr. Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Thompson, and unanimously adopted, it was requested that the minutes of the meeting of February 1, 1968, held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, be corrected to read in the true and correct manner in which the purchase of the additional land to the Red River Wildlife Management Area, Concordia Parish, Louisiana, was transacted.

Chairman Jones then requested Dr. Lyle St. Amant to explain the next item on the agenda.

Dr. St. Amant stated that the Commission received a request from the Louisiana Construction and Material Company of Galliano, Louisiana for their present permit, which extends from the mouth of Bayou Lafourche to the Intracoastal Canal, be extended. Dr. St. Amant said the Company has requested to increase the dredging area from the Intracoastal Canal north to the City limits of Thibodaux, Louisiana. Dr. St. Amant recommended that the existing permit be so modified to include the additional area of dredging. He stated that the Company's request has been examined and found to be in proper order.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following

resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Construction and Material Company of Galliano, Louisiana has made application for an extension of the area in their existing permit which is presently from the mouth of Bayou Lafourche to the Intracoastal Canal.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant and approve the extension request of the Louisiana Construction and Material Company of Galliano, Louisiana, increasing the present permit to include the dredging area to the north of the Intracoastal Canal from the Canal to the city limits of Thibodaux, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Dr. St. Amant also explained that the Commission received a request from Mr. T. V. Cooper of Advance Builders Corporation for the extension of their exploratory permit to take and remove core samples of fill material, sand and/or gravel from the beds in waterbottoms of Lake Cataouatchie. The permit was issued in the name of Advance Builders Corporation on February 2, 1968 and was to expire on June 1, 1968, with the provision that a two week notice be required of the Corporation in requesting an extension of time. Due to a heavily scheduled work load, this corporation has not been able to obtain these core samples. Dr. St. Amant said the

request has been examined and found to be in order; therefore, he recommended Commission approval for an extension of sixty (60) days.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, in January, 1968, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission did approve the issuance of a permit to Advance Builders Corporation to take and remove core samples of fill material, sand/and/or gravel from the beds in waterbottoms of Lake Cataouatchie, with the expiration of said permit being June 1, 1968, and

WHEREAS, due to a very high priority of other work, said company has been prevented from the commencement of taking these core samples.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant an extension of sixty (60) days to the existing permit, issued in the name of Advance Builders Corporation to take and remove core samples of fill material, sand and/or gravel from the beds in waterbottoms of Lake Cataouatche. Extension of said permit shall begin on June 1, 1968 and continue for said period of time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Chairman Jones then recognized Mr. Joe Herring to the floor for the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Herring explained that the Commission has, through the Louisiana Division of Administration, received bids on two occasions for the sale of merchantable timber on a 453 acre tract of the Commission's Bodcau Wildlife Management Area. Mr. Herring said only one bid was received, this being from the Anthony Forest Products Company, Box 794, Springhill, Louisiana, for a total amount of \$11,508.00. Mr. Herring stated that even though only one bid was received, it is felt that this offer is a good one and therefore, he recommended the Commission's approval on this sale. Moneys derived from the sale will be put back into the Commission's funds for future use.

On motion of Mr. Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission did request the Louisiana Division of Administration on two occasions to advertise for the sale of merchantable timber on a 453 acre tract on the Commission's Bodcau Wildlife Management Area, for which only one bid was submitted, and

WHEREAS, even though only one bid was received, it is felt that this is a good and fair offer.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby approve and request the Louisiana Division of Administration to complete the sale of merchantable timber on a 453 acre tract of land on the Bodcau Wildlife Management

Area, to be sold to the Anthony Forest Products Company, Box 794, Springhill, Louisiana, in the amount of \$11,508.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Herring continued by telling the Commission of the lease agreement obtainable from the Webster Parish Police Jury for a parcel of land located on Bayou Dorcheat to be used for the construction of a boat launching ramp. Mr. Herring explained if approval is granted by the Commission to enter into a lease agreement, there will be no fees involved, the terms of the lease shall be for 25 years with an additional 25 year option of renewal, and the Webster Parish Police Jury shall be responsible for maintenance and upkeep of the facilities. Since this offer is being made by a governmental body, Mr. Herring recommended that the Commission grant approval to enter into the lease agreement.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Guidry, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, in recent years, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has established a boat launching ramp program, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has obtained the approval of the Webster Parish Police Jury to enter into a lease agreement on a certain parcel of land owned by the parish.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and

Fisheries Commission does hereby approve to enter into a twenty-five (25) year lease agreement with the Webster Parish Police Jury for a certain parcel of land comprising 1.77 acres, more or less, for the purpose of constructing a boat launching ramp, parking facility and access road, on Bayou Dorcheat, Webster Parish, Louisiana. The terms of said lease shall be for 25 years with a 25 year option. The facility shall be free for public use and the Webster Parish Police Jury shall be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of said facility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Herring then told the Commission of the CLECO request for a right-of-way agreement on the Saline Wildlife Management Area. The Central Louisiana Electric Company, Inc. previously requested this same right-of-way agreement for which the Commission granted approval of same, provided the company adhere to certain terms and conditions as stipulated in the agreement. However, CLECO at that time, could not enter into the agreement due to the fact they could not comply with all of the terms, more specifically the clause requiring the maintenance of the right-of-way by bush hog method at a minimum of once every year. This company has now found they can comply with this requirement and have requested Commission approval on this agreement.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to the Central Louisiana Electric Company, Inc. to extend its rural electric lines across the Saline Wildlife Management Area in order to serve their customers in the vicinity. The right-of-way shall be located on a certain tract of land described as being in Sections Four (4), Nine (9), Ten (10), Fifteen (15), and Twenty-Two (22), Township five (5) North, Range Four (4) East, LaSalle Parish, Louisiana. Permission is hereby granted provided the Central Louisiana Electric Company, Inc. adheres to certain terms and conditions as set forth in the agreement which shall be binding upon them.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Herring then explained to the Commission that the Division of Administration has received the bids for the construction of the addition to the District VI Headquarters Building, Opelousas, Louisiana. A total of three bids were received with M. D. Descant of Bunkie, Louisiana, being the low bidder in the amount of \$89,600.00. These bids were discussed with the Louisiana Division of Administration and the architect and it was found that the low bidder, M. D. Descant of Bunkie, Louisiana, is a contractor in good

standing; therefore, Mr. Herring recommended the Commission's approval on the awarding of the contract to this company.

On motion of Mr. Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission did request the Louisiana Division of Administration to advertise for bids on the awarding of a contract for the construction of an addition to the District VI Headquarters Building, Opelousas, Louisiana, for which a total of three bids were received, and

WHEREAS, these bids were discussed with the Louisiana Division of Administration and the architect, whereby all agreed that the low bidder, M. D. Descant, is a contractor in good standing.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby request the Louisiana Division of Administration to issue a contract to the low bidder, M. D. Descant of Bunkie, Louisiana, for the construction of the addition to the District VI Headquarters Building, Opelousas, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Herring continued by telling the Commission that the Louisiana Division of Administration has also notified the Commission of the tabulation of bids for the addition to the Baton Rouge

District VII Office. Mr. Herring said there were a total of seven (7) bids received with Fontaine Abbot Construction Company of Baton Rouge, Louisiana being the lowest bidder in the amount of \$165,998.00. This company has been found to be a reputable concern; therefore, Mr. Herring recommended the Commission's approval for the issuance of this contract to the low bidder.

On motion of Mr. Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission did request the Louisiana Division of Administration to advertise for bids on the awarding of a contract for the construction of an addition to the District VII Headquarters Building, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, whereby a total of seven (7) bids were received, and

WHEREAS, the tabulation of bids were examined and it was found that the low bidder, Fontaine Abbot Construction Company of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with the base proposal of \$165,998, is a reputable concern.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby request the Louisiana Division of Administration to issue a contract to the low bidder, Fontaine Abbot Construction Company of 2187 Beaumont Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana in the amount of \$165,998.00, for the construction of the Laboratory Addition to the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission's District VII Headquarters Building, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Herring then stated to the Commission that construction of the Baton Rouge, District VII Headquarters and Office, has been completed. Mr. Herring said the Commission had contracted Baker-Mathys Associates, of Winnsboro, Louisiana several months ago to act as architects to prepare plans and specifications for this construction. Bids were then solicited by the Division of Administration and a work contract was issued to M. B. M. Construction Company of Baton Rouge, Louisiana and the work has been completed. Mr. Herring explained that this project has been inspected and found to be satisfactory. Mr. Herring said Mr. William Baker has also recommended that the Commission accept the work called for under the contract as completed.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has received notification certifying that the contractor has completed the work, between the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and M. B. M. Construction Company, Contractor, for the construction of the Baton Rouge, District VII Headquarters and Office and it is recommended that the same be accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the work done by M. B. M. Construction Company, Contractor, with said Commission, be and is hereby accepted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and directed to furnish a certified copy of this resolution to the contractor for filing in the Mortgage Records of East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana.

Mr. Herring then told the Commission that an application has been made by the Dixie Electric Membership Corporation for an additional right-of-way for their power line across the Waddill Wildlife Management Area. Mr. Herring said the proposal has been examined and found to be feasible provided the Dixie Electric Membership Corporation agree and adhere to certain terms and conditions as stipulated in the agreement.

On motion of Mr. Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Dixie Electric Membership Corporation has made application to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission for an additional right-of-way for their power line across the Waddill Wildlife Management Area.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission for an agreement with the Dixie Electric Membership Corporation for an additional right-of-way across the Waddill Wildlife Management Area for the

purpose of installing their power lines across this land. Permission is hereby granted to said corporation provided they agree to certain terms and conditions as stipulated in the agreement, which shall be binding upon said corporation, for the benefit and protection of the wildlife resources in the area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Herring then told the Commission that the Louisiana Department of Public Works has received the tabulation of bids, as previously requested by the Commission, on the construction of boat launching ramps with adjoining parking areas for the following locations: Long Lake, Caldwell Parish with the low bidder being Morrison Engineering and Constructing Company of New Roads, Louisiana, in the amount of \$10,421.00; Berwick Boat Ramp, St. Mary Parish with the low bidder being Kingston Construction Company of New Iberia, Louisiana, in the amount of \$18,416.00; and the Sabine Boat Ramp, Cameron Parish with the low bidder being Kingston Construction Company of New Iberia, Louisiana, in the amount of \$20,704.40. Mr. Herring said the Louisiana Department of Public Works has reviewed these bids advising the Commission that all are good and have recommended Commission approval on same. Mr. Herring stated that since this is the engineering agency for the State, he therefore, recommended Commission approval also.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, upon receipt of the plans, specifications and estimated costs for the construction of a boat launching ramp and parking area on Long Lake in Caldwell Parish, Berwick in St. Mary Parish and Sabine in Cameron Parish, did request the Louisiana Department of Public Works to advertise for bids on same, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Public Works opened bids for the construction of each of these three ramps and have found that each of the low bids received are in line with the estimated cost of these projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that approval is hereby given to request the Louisiana Department of Public Works to issue a contract to construct a boat launching ramp and parking area on each of the following locations: Long Lake in Caldwell Parish, low bidder, Morrison Engineering and Construction Company of New Roads, Louisiana, with the low bid of \$10,421.00; Berwick Boat Ramp in St. Mary Parish, low bidder, Kingston Construction Company of New Iberia, Louisiana, with the low bid of \$18,416.00; and Sabine Boat Ramp in Cameron Parish, low bidder, Kingston Construction Company of New Iberia, Louisiana, in the amount of \$20,704.40.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Chairman Jones then requested Mr. Herring to please notify Mr. Ed Kyle when the contractor plans to begin the construction on the Berwick Boat Ramp as they would like to have a groundbreaking ceremony.

Mr. Herring continued by telling the Commission that the International Paper Company, by letter from Mr. F. C. Gragg, Vice President, dated May 13, 1968, has notified the Commission requesting the renewal of a lease agreement covering 4,072 acres of International's land in Sabine Parish, and known as the Sabine Wildlife Management Area. Mr. Herring then recommended renewal of this agreement for another five year period as this is a very important part of our wildlife management area program.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, a mutually advantageous land lease establishing and locating a game management area was made between International Paper Company and the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission under date of January 16, 1964, covering 4,072 acres of International's land in the Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the International Paper Company to continue this relationship by extending the lease for another five (5) years, until July 1, 1973.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby approve and agree to enter into an agreement to renew the lease on 4,072 acres of land owned by the International Paper Company and better known as the Sabine Wildlife Management Area. Said agreement shall be for the renewal period of five (5) years, terminating July 1, 1973.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Herring then told the Commission that the Louisiana Division of Administration has forwarded to the Commission the tabulation of bids, as previously requested, for the fencing of fourteen (14) miles of the Spring Bayou Wildlife Management Area, Avoyelles Parish. Mr. Herring said the fence will be a hog and cattle proof fence. Two bids were received with Hurricane Fence Company being the low bidder in the amount of \$56,990.00. The Division of Administration has advised that Hurricane Fence Company is a reputable concern and recommended that the Commission accept it. Mr. Herring said the Company has also done work for the Commission in the past and they have been found to be very satisfactory and also recommended the acceptance of their low bid.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Guidry, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission did request the Louisiana Division of Administration to advertise for bids on the awarding of a contract for the construction of a fourteen (14) mile hog and cattle proof fence around the Commission's Spring Bayou Wildlife Management Area, Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana, whereby a total of two (2) bids were received, and

WHEREAS, the tabulation of bids were examined and found that the low bidder, Hurricane Fence Company of New Orleans, Louisiana, in the amount of \$56,990.00, is a reputable concern.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby request the Louisiana Division of Administration to issue a contract to the low bidder, Hurricane Fence Company of New Orleans, in the amount of \$56,990.00, for the construction of a fourteen (14) mile hog and cattle proof fence around the Commission's Spring Bayou Wildlife Management Area, Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Herring continued by telling the Commission that the Louisiana Department of Highways has agreed to construct 5.53 miles of road on the Spring Bayou Wildlife Management Area.

This road will be for access to the main headquarters site and camping area. Mr. Herring explained that the estimates on this project, using a 6 inch sand clay gravel surface course 20 feet wide will total \$72,900.85. Mr. Herring stated that this estimate is based on a unit price of \$4.50 per cubic yard for Aggregate Surface Courses. The title of the project will be: State Project 713-29-86, Spring Bayou - Boggy Bayou Highway, Avoyelles Parish. The Highway Department has requested the Commission to transfer the funds for this project to their department so that they can begin actual construction and Mr. Herring recommended that the Commission concur and comply with the request.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Highways has agreed to construct 5.53 miles of road on the Commission's Spring Bayou Wildlife Management Area, providing access to the main headquarters site and camping area, located thereon, and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the total cost for the project will be approximately \$72,900.85, and

WHEREAS, the State Highway Department has requested the Commission to transfer funds for this project to their department so that actual construction can begin.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby approve to transfer \$72,900.85, the total estimated cost, to the Louisiana Department of Highways for the construction of 5.53 miles of road on the Spring Bayou Wildlife Management Area providing access to the main headquarters site and camping area, Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana, provided the Louisiana Division of Administration concurs with the transfer of same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Chairman Jones then announced that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission will host a convention to be held on June 2 - 5 for the American Association of Conservation Information, and stated that there will be many important people attending this convention from all over the United States. He also stated that the National Watershed Congress is presently holding their conferences at the Jung Hotel, here in New Orleans.

Chairman Jones then recognized Mr. Ed Kyle to the floor.

From this point on, until the closing of the meeting, the minutes are transcribed verbatim as taken from the tape recorder present during the meeting.

MR. KYLE: At this time, I would like to move that all Enforcement personnel who have reached the retirement age of 65 and are subject to retirement, that their services be extended starting June 30th, for a period of 6 months, until the 31st of December, 1968. The reason for this is to give them full advantage to take care of any retirement bills and give the Commission time to study and re-examine their policy as far as age 65 retirement.

CHAIRMAN JONES: You have heard the motion by Mr. Kyle, is there a second?

MR. WRIGHT: I'll second it.

CHAIRMAN JONES: Seconded by Mr. Wright. Is there any discussion? Mr. Thompson.

MR. THOMPSON: I would like to amend Mr. Kyle's motion, if I may, to read that these persons' time of continuing on the Commission be extended until the legislature either approves or disapproves the pending legislation referred to and that it be mandatory that at the end of this time, that if the bill is approved that it be mandatory that they retire at the time that this is implimented. If the bill is not approved that their retirement be mandatory at that time.

CHAIRMAN JONES: You have heard the amendment and I think everybody understands the amendment. Mr. Kyle.

MR. KYLE: Mr. Thomapson, I think I understand your amendment and

I am not going to be able to vote for it, because I think we need that 6 months to re-examine our whole retirement program.

CHAIRMAN JONES: Is there any further discussion? Dr. Glasgow.

DR. GLASGOW: Mr. Chairman, my recommendation is that we hold the policy that we now have and that there be no deviation from it.

CHAIRMAN JONES: Is there any further discussion before we vote on the amendments?

MR. THOMPSON: Mr. Chairman, I would like to discuss it for just a moment. I would like to say, in behalf of Dr. Glasgow, that I fully understand his feelings towards this and I know that he has been in several jams and I know that he has had numerous requests for persons who have reached the age of 65 to continue on for an unlimited number of years and certainly there has to be a cut off at some place. At some place there has to be a cut off. This morning is the first that I personally as a member of this Commission, have heard that we need time to study the length of the age retirement to be extended. This is the first that I have heard of it and possibly it has been discussed between the other members of this Board, but I would like to recommend, Dr. Glasgow, that you go along with this short interim which would be merely until the legislature votes, no more probably than a month, to and if they disapprove it. Of course, if they approve it, I don't know the time that they would impliment it, but it shouldn't be over another very short time. I didn't see in this bill a time limit that would be implimented, but I assume, what is it? 20 days after the legislature,

or until the Governor signs it or what? And, I had hoped that you would go along, at least, with my amendment.

DR. GLASGOW: What I would do, of course, would be to follow the decision of the Board.

MR. THOMPSON: Well, I don't think this would put you in a position or out on a limb or anything. However, I do think that the 6 months could be, well, dangerous.

MR. GUIDRY: I agree with Mr. Kyle in the 6 months, because we have a lot of good man working here in the department. I think the 6 months interval between the time of his retirement would give him time to get another man working in with him. And he can break him into his job and sort of teach him the ropes. A new man coming in, he needs to know a lot of things probably about the way to handle his job. And, I think a 6 months would be a break in period, more or less, for the new man coming in.

CHAIRMAN JONES: Mr. Yancey.

MR. YANCEY: I am afraid that this is going to raise a question with the employees in the other divisions, since it applies strictly to Enforcement, as I understood the resolution.

CHAIRMAN JONES: Let me ask you, I think what he was primarily concerned with was the proposals before the legislature regarding retirement. Are there any proposals regarding retirement for personnel other than enforcement personnel? To increase their retirement.

MR. YANCEY: Not to my knowledge.

MR. THOMPSON: Mr. Chairman, I would like to re-amend my motion to include all personnel of the Wild Life and Fisheries, in the event that there is legislation that was entered as late as possibly yesterday, that we have not had the opportunity to examine.

MR. KYLE: Mr. Thompson, will you withdraw and let me amend mine?

MR. THOMPSON: It depends on how you amend yours.

MR. KYLE: I will amend mine to include all personnel.

MR. THOMPSON: For what time limit?

MR. KYLE: For the 6 month period.

MR. THOMPSON: No, Sir.

MR. KYLE: Then, we have got to vote on your amendment to shorten the time for all personnel.

CHAIRMAN JONES: The way I understand it is that your amendment and the original motion would pertain to all employees.

MR. THOMPSON: Be fine.

MR. KYLE: Good.

DR. GLASGOW: Mr. Jones, may I add a comment here. Mr. Jones, there are several retirement bills in the legislature. Some of them not yet printed, but I am pretty confident that there are some of them that do influence some of our employees somehow. But, I do not yet know what it is.

CHAIRMAN JONES: As I understand it we are talking about all employees, not just enforcement. Mr. Buquet, I think you had something to say.

MR. BUQUET: Mr. Chairman, Members of the Board, before you vote upon the motion, should you not have to first rescind the policy that was

adopted by this Commission some 5 years ago? If you will look in the minutes you will find a motion adopted by this Commission that positively at the age of 65 all personnel in this department are forced into retirement. Now, is that not correct, Sir?

CHAIRMAN JONES: All he is doing is extending it as it pertains to this year for 6 months, because they would have to retire at the end of the fiscal year which is at the end of June, July 1st and consequently he is extending it for 6 more months. Any further discussion? Mr. Kyle.

MR. KYLE: I just feel that it should be extended for 6 months and that we should take another hard, long look at it.

CHAIRMAN JONES: Dr. Glasgow.

DR. GLASGOW: I would like to make an observation here. We have brought in a good many young employees in the Wild Life and Fisheries. These young people have a different philosophy, a different outlook, they are more productive, they do a much better job for us; therefore, I think we ought to be mighty careful about extending these older employees, because once it is started there is no way of shutting it off. And, if we extend these employees, then every time a person comes up for retirement he is going to request, and probably rightly so, that he be retained. So, in a few years we are going to have a group of employees that are way over age and there will be very few young ones coming in. So, I think this is a dangerous precedent to extend beyond the retirement age that we have now. For certainly, you are going to build up an organization with only old employees.

CHAIRMAN JONES: Mr. Thompson.

MR. THOMPSON: Doctor, I know your feelings and to what you are protecting and I am sure that you will go along with my amendment for the simple reason that I don't think that any of us here would begrudge any employee, whether they were friends or what, of ours, a matter of a few days if they, say as much as a week or two or three, which could very easily happen. I see no objection to that. I do object to a 6 month as I would to any extended time. In fact, I believe, I think that probably there are some people, gentlemen on this Board, that would like to have it extended for a year and I am not in accord with that at all and I think that this would just be a prelude to maybe extend them another 6 months at the end of that and then maybe another 6 months, because there is always going to be some type or some excuse that you can use. I think that we ought to leave it at the present time to 65 and if we want to look at it and change it to 70 or 75, well, then, lets do that. But, leave it as it is now, with the exception of my amendment.

CHAIRMAN JONES: Any other discussion? No other discussion, we will vote first on the amendment. All of those in favor of the amendment raise your hand. (Those in favor were Mr. Thompson, Mr. Norris, and Mr. Fairchild) Three. All those opposed to the amendment raise your hand. One, Mr. Kyle are you voting? Two, three and I vote against the amendment. (Opposed were Mr. Kyle, Mr. Guidry, Mr. Wright and Chairman Jones) We will now vote on the original motion. All those in favor of the original motion raise your hand. (Those in

favor of the original motion were Mr. Kyle, Mr. Guidry, Mr. Wright and Chairman Jones) All those opposed will raise your hand. One, two, three and I vote for the motion. (Those opposed were Mr. Thompson, Mr. Fairchild, and Mr. Norris) Any other business to come before the Commission?

MR. THOMPSON: Mr. Chairman, I move that we adjourn.

MR. WRIGHT: I second it.

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